



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 643

December 2, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives ALBERS, FREESE and SPRINGER, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Environment.

1 **AN ACT to create** 84.064 of the statutes; **relating to:** pipelines transporting mine
2 discharge within the right-of-way of highways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits the department of transportation from engineering a pipeline for the transport of mine discharge within the right-of-way of any highway unless the department of natural resources has considered and rejected a closed-loop system for transporting the discharge from the mine. A closed-loop system is a water treatment system, located at the mining site, for removing solids from the water and recycling the water back to the mine with no resulting discharge of water to surface or ground waters.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 84.064 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **84.064 Pipelines transporting mine discharge.** The department may not
5 engineer any pipeline for the transport of mine discharge within the right-of-way
6 of any highway unless the secretary of transportation receives a written statement
7 from the secretary of natural resources that the department of natural resources has
8 considered and rejected a water treatment system, located at the mining site, for

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1 removing solids from the water and recycling the water back to the mine with no
2 resulting discharge of water to surface water or ground water.

3 (END)